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RE: Grievance Complaint #05-0244, Eric Brose v. John L. Senning

Dear Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, has reviewed the *Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline* (hereinafter "*Conditional Admission*") filed December 6, 2005 and submitted for approval in the above referenced matter. After careful consideration of the *Conditional Admission*, the *Affidavit* of the Respondent submitted pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(c) and the entire record of the complaint, and after conducting a hearing pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b) on January 12, 2006 the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Conditional Admission*, a copy of which is attached hereto together with the *Affidavit* of the Respondent. Accordingly, the disposition agreed to by the Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent in the above referenced matter and set forth in the *Conditional Admission* is hereby made an order of this reviewing committee. The reviewing committee considered the Respondent's candor, remorse, length of practice and lack of disciplinary history. The Respondent is ordered to attend in-person and at his own expense, a continuing legal education course in legal ethics. The course must consist of at least three credit hours and must be completed within six months of the issuance of this decision. The Respondent is further ordered to provide the Statewide Grievance Committee with written confirmation of his compliance with this condition within thirty (30) days of completion of the continuing legal education course.

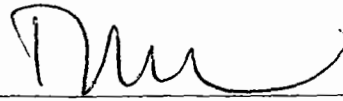
Reviewing Committee member Dr. Paul D. Powers was not available for the January 12, 2006 hearing. The Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent waived the participation of Dr. Powers in the consideration and decision of the *Conditional Admission*. Accordingly, the matter was considered and decided by the undersigned.

So ordered.

cc: Mr. Eric Brose
Attorney Timothy P. Pothin
Attorney Gregory A. Benoit

DECISION DATE: 2/3/06

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Attorney Tracie Molinaro

Jorene M. Couture
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NO. 05-0244

ERIC BROSE
Complainant

Vs.

JOHN L. SENNING
Respondent

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CONDITIONAL ADMISSION AND AGREEMENT AS TO DISCIPLINE

Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82, the undersigned Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint filed by the Complainant on March 6, 2005.
2. On August 29, 2005, the Middlesex Judicial District Local Grievance Panel found Probable Cause that the Respondent violated Rules 1.15(a) and 1.8(c) and on October 20, 2005 a reviewing committee found Additional Probable Cause that Respondent violated Rules 1.15(d), 1.15(a) additionally, and 8.4(3).
3. The Respondent has tendered a conditional admission of fact in accordance with his affidavit attached hereto, admitting the facts of the complaint.
4. It appears that the dispute between the Complainant and Respondent arose as a result of Respondent's representation of the Complainant's great-aunt wherein Respondent maintained a joint checking account with Complainant's

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great-aunt, charged some of her purchases to his own American Express credit card account, and prepared a Revocable Living Trust for Complainant's said great-aunt which included a life use provision granting life use of the great-aunt's premises to the Respondent and his family.

5. Respondent has been admitted to practice in Connecticut since September 22, 1970, and he does not have a history of grievance complaints which have resulted in the imposition of any discipline.
6. Disciplinary Counsel has agreed to recommend to the Statewide Grievance Committee that it order Respondent to take a **Continuing Legal Education** course in legal ethics at his own expense.

WHEREFORE, this matter is submitted to the Statewide Grievance Committee for its approval in accordance with Practice Book § 2-82 (b).

Office of Disciplinary Counsel

12/5/05
Date

Frank P. Blando
BY: Frank P. Blando
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

Respondent

Nov 21, 2005
Date

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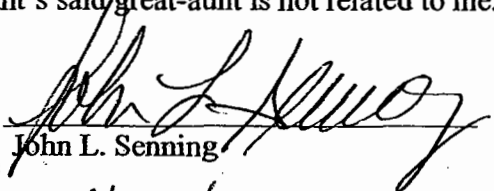
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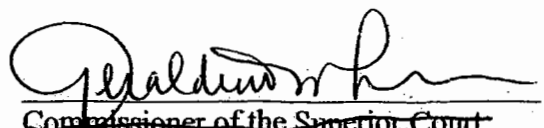
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX)

I am over the age of 18 and believe in the obligation of an oath. Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82, I make the following affidavit:

1. The Conditional Admission attached hereto and made a part hereof is voluntarily submitted.
2. I herein consent to the form of discipline set forth in the attached Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline.
3. I am aware that I have a right to a full evidentiary hearing on this matter and I waive that right by entering into this agreement.
4. I have been neither subject to coercion nor duress, and I am fully aware of the implications of this Affidavit and my conditional admission.
5. I am fully aware of the current proceeding regarding my violation of Rules 1.8(c), 1.15(a), 1.15(d) and 8.4(3) as they specifically relate to my co-mingling the Complainant's great-aunt's funds with my own funds and my providing a life use for myself and my family of Complainant's great-aunt's premises in a instrument prepared by me.
6. I hereby acknowledge that I did co-mingle funds as indicted above, I did prepare such an instrument, and Complainant's said great-aunt is not related to me.


John L. Senning

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of November, 2005.


~~Commissioner of the Superior Court~~
Notary Public Geraldine M. Lewis
My Commission Expires 10/31/10